

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2007

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KIPDA) TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF DELIVERY OF HOT MEALS TO THE ELDERLY THROUGH THE “MEALS ON WHEELS” PROGRAM AND TO SEEK WAYS TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL ELDERLY ON THE WAITING LIST FOR DAILY MEALS.

Sponsored By: Councilmembers Dan Johnson, Tina Ward-Pugh, and Kelly Downard

WHEREAS, KIPDA has a large waiting list for the Meals on Wheels Program and in an effort to meet the needs of this list KIPDA is considering different ways to provide daily meals to elderly residents of this community; and

WHEREAS, in one plan under consideration, KIPDA would hire a contractor to provide five frozen noontime meals once a week to many elderly residents of this community instead of providing hot meals delivered Monday through Friday; and

WHEREAS, daily meals are an important need of these elderly residents, many of whom live alone and want to maintain some form of independence rather than moving to a nursing home; and

WHEREAS, KIPDA's current program does not always take into account any special dietary needs of these same clients; and

WHEREAS, the daily delivery of food to the elderly is not the sole mission of such visits which may also include checking on the general welfare of such clients.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: KIPDA shall bring an immediate halt to considerations of replacing the delivery of hot meals, five days a week to the elderly clientele which currently receive those hot meals.

SECTION II: KIPDA shall explore all options of securing the additional funding and other resources necessary to expand the program to serve the nutritional needs and general welfare of elderly residents of this community that are currently on the waiting list for meals.

SECTION III: No modification to the Meals on Wheels program shall occur without taking into account all suggestions and/or concerns, including those from ministerial agencies, at a public forum to be held to discuss any proposed major changes in the program.

SECTION IV: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

Rick Blackwell
President of the Council

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Irv Maze
Jefferson County Attorney

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